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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : SUTTER et al.
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For : METHOD FOR SHIFTING THE INSTANT OF
COMMUTATION FOR A SENSORLESS AND
BRUSHLESS DIRECT-CURRENT MOTOR AS WELL
AS A SYSTEM FOR IMPLEMENTING THE METHOD

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2002 (the three-month response date for which has been extended by one month from March 4, 2003 to April 4, 2003 by the accompanying Transmittal And Petition To Extend), please reconsider the above-identified

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application based on the following:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the accompanying corrected drawing of Figure 1 for the original Figure 1. The substitute Figure 1 represents the corrected Figure 1, as suggested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend, without prejudice, the claims as follows:

10. (Amended) A method for shifting an instant of commutation for a sensorless and brushless direct-current motor including stator windings fed by a multi-phase converter connection, comprising the steps of: